

that? What fire shall melt us if not that? What sun shall enlighten us if not that? What fountain shall refresh us if not that? Let us build a tabernacle on Calvary, its doorway towards the Cross, that it may be never hidden from our eyes.

The sight of it will nerve our arm,—will quicken our feet,—will strengthen our faith,—will rekindle our hope,—will inflame our love,—will assuage our sorrows,—will cleanse our sins,—will dignify our life, and fill us with a calm and fearless triumph in death.

Before the cross would I leave you, and remain myself; and as we see that sacred form trembling in the agonies of a woe endured for us, and hear the wail that comes from the darkness caused by the shrouded face of God, let us exclaim together, "we are bought with a price!"—Let us feel together,—“we are not our own”—Let us resolve together—"We will glorify God, with our bodies, and spirits, which are His!"

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THE Egerton Presbytery met at Stellarton on the 23rd ult., to consider Rev. Mr. Dunn's resignation and allow the congregations of Stellarton and Westville appear in their own interest. There was a good representation from both congregations.

After the usual questions put at a Presbyterial visitation were asked and very intelligently answered, the special business for which the Presbytery was convened was taken up. Mr. Dunn desired his resignation to take effect at the end of October.

As might be expected on the part of the congregation there was an expression of unmixed regret at the people of losing their pastor who had long faithfully and efficiently ministered unto to them and an earnest hope expressed that Mr. Dunn would alter his purpose.

On the part of the Presbytery there is the strongest desire to retain Mr. Dunn as one of their number. His own congregation numbers over 300 families. The oversight of so many is more than

many pastors could attend to; yet Mr. Dunn did his own work well and has been one of the most active in promoting the schemes of the church. The interest he took in the general welfare in the church imposed additional work upon him but all has been cheerfully borne.

Mr. Dunn has been doing the work of two ministers, and it is not to be wondered at, that after so many years of hard toil he should think of returning to Scotland where a minister's position is very different from what it is in this country.

It was suggested by the Presbytery that the large congregations of Stellarton and Westville make an effort to increase their pastors stipend. There are few if any of the heads of families who could not afford 10 cts. per week towards religious ordinances in their midst.

It seems a very moderate amount and one which they can give whether they will or not. The small sum of 10 cts. per week from each family would give an annual increase of 1500 dollars. So that instead of paying their pastor 950 dollars as they are now doing they could pay him \$1400 and be none the poorer at the years end. It requires but some active exertion to draw out the resources of the congregation, and judging from the intelligence displayed, the kindly feeling expressed at the meeting on the evening of the 2nd, a more favorable opportunity for increased effort could not be desired.

It may have the result of retaining among us one of our best ministers and one whose place, it may without any flattery be said, will be most difficult to supply, both as minister of Stellarton and Westville, and as a vigorous worker in all connected with the church.

It was agreed to defer any action on the resignation until the Oct. meeting of Presbytery.

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY.

NEW GLASGOW, 4th Aug. 1880.

& Which time and place the Presbytery of Egerton met and was constituted with prayer.

Sedprunt.—Rev. William McMillan, Moderator; with Messrs. Wm. Stewart, George Murray, and Alex. Mackichan.